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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BRAZIL.

RIO DE JANEIRO—Plague and Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, December 13:

Two weeks ended December 13. Vessels inspected: November 27, British steamship *Grecian Prince* for New York, in coffee cargo, with no passengers and no change in crew personnel; December 1, British steamship *Saxon Prince* for New Orleans, with coffee, no passengers and no change in personnel; December 2, British steamship *Byron* for New York, with coffee, 23 cabin and 6 steerage passengers and no change in personnel; December 4, British steamship *Virgil* for New Orleans, with coffee, no passengers and no change in personnel; December 5, German steamship *Corrientes* for New York, with coffee, no passengers and no change in crew; and December 7, German bark *Bonn* for Mobile, with stone and sand ballast, no passengers and 10 new members of crew signed in this port.

Mortality—Plague and smallpox.—Week ended November 28. Total deaths 199. One new case each of plague and smallpox, with 1 death from plague. In São Sebastião hospital at close of week, 4 cases of smallpox and 2 of plague under treatment.

Week ended December 5. One new case of plague and 2 cases of smallpox were reported. In São Sebastião hospital at close of week, 2 cases of plague and 4 cases of smallpox under treatment.

CHINA.

HONGKONG—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, November 28: Week ended November 20. Quarantine restrictions enforced by and against Hongkong remain as reported November 13.

Aliens for Honolulu and Pacific coast ports.—Examined 38; rejected 15.

Aliens for Philippine Islands.—Examined 7; rejected 6.

INSPECTION AND DISINFECTION OF VESSELS.

Week ended November 20.

Vessels granted bills of health.....	6
Total members of crews.....	593
Total cabin passengers.....	97
Total steerage passengers.....	23
Members of crew bathed.....	465
Steerage passengers bathed.....	27
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	491
Vessels disinfected to kill rats.....	1
Crews' quarters disinfected:	
By formaldehyde.....	4
By sulphur.....	1